

News From The Leading Cities of The Gem State

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JURY TO PROBE TRUST MOROR

Special Grand Jury to Investigate Alleged Coal, Milk and Meat Combines in Idaho.

(Special Correspondence.)
BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 14.—The coal question holds the boards as being the most important problem which concerns the people of the capital city at the present time. An actual fuel famine has been narrowly averted by the timely arrival of an occasional car load of coal to one of the local dealers; however, want and suffering have been experienced in a great number of instances throughout the city. Many people have abandoned their homes and moved into apartment houses and rooming houses where heat is furnished. Gas also has been a very low element at times entirely shut off, thus adding to the dilemma. Hope, however, is now entertained that sufficient coal will arrive to relieve the demand. For the past two weeks it has been rationed out by the sack full, every customer to furnish his sack and carry away his coal. When it is heard that a car load of the dealers is being received, the coal situation is seen to be in line at the coal station.

The coal question has been the theme of discussion in recent meetings of the Commercial club, city council and mass meetings of the citizens; but the problem is still unsolved. Mayor Pence recently issued the following proclamation:

"I charge the coal dealers of this city with criminal negligence. They are entirely and wholly responsible for the present conditions. I have investigated the matter thoroughly and I find that by the statements of the dealers themselves this famine could have been avoided. I am going to get to the bottom of this matter, and if the council stands with me, we will find out what these men intend to do. We have the right under the charter to levy an occupation tax on business and I suggest that we tax these dealers and use the money to purchase coal for the summer. That when the famine does come we can offer coal to the people who are in need. This argument of the dealers, laying much of the blame to the people, is entirely indefensible."

"JOSEPH D. PENCE."

SALT LAKERS ENTER FIELD.

The latest development in the coal situation is the rumor that the Inter-mountain Coal company of Salt Lake will enter the field here. According to advice received yesterday this company is figuring on opening up a branch business here in the spring. Storage bins with a capacity of from 4,000 to 5,000 tons will be constructed and enough of the fuel will be on hand at all times to supply the demand of the consumers.

HI HENRY'S MINES.

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TO INVESTIGATE TRUSTS.

A special grand jury will be called to investigate local commercial combinations which are considered to be in restraint of trade. The alleged coal, milk and meat trusts will be looked into. The action will be under the provisions of the anti-trust law enacted by the last session of the state legislature. The investigation will also be carried to the public records, gambling houses, criminal cases, etc.

FLEMING MUST HANG.

According to an opinion of the supreme court handed down Tuesday, in the appeal of the famous Lincoln county murder case, John Fleming must hang by the neck until dead. The cold blooded murder of Frank Langford, near Rupert, on July 8, 1908. His execution must take place within 60 days, according to the state law, unless the pardon board intervenes.

In certain respects the Fleming case is without parallel in the history of the state and country. It is a pathetic features which is the effect of creating sympathy for the defendant, who, since his arrival at the state prison, has manifested a spirit of bravado and an apparent indifference as to his fate.

Commenting upon the execution of Fred Seward last spring, he asserted: "I am tired of this fiddling around. If they are going to do business with me I wish they would get busy." At all times he has rejected ministrations from a spiritual advisor and professes to be a non-believer.

Fleming killed Langford as a result of a feud of long standing. He was tried at Shoshone, Lincoln county, in October, 1908, and convicted after the jury had been out less than an hour. During the progress of the trial, his wife was taken violently insane, and threatened the attorneys representing the prosecution, and witnesses, with injury. She was taken before the probate judge and after a hearing committed to the asylum at Blackfoot where she is still an inmate.

BOUND TO DISTRICT COURT.

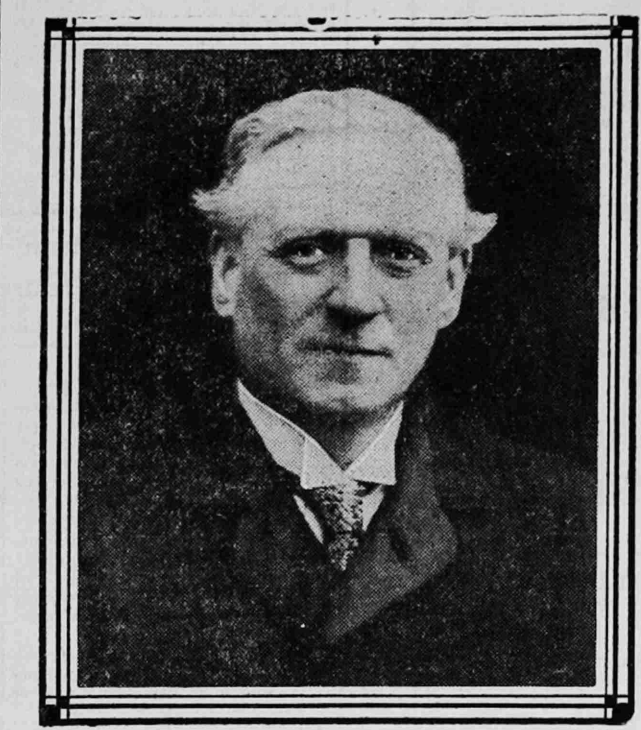
Lafe Roe, charged with the murder of W. H. McClintock on Dec. 27, has been bound over for trial in the district court, by Justice Dunbar, after a preliminary hearing in his court. The most damaging witnesses called in the hearing were the three little boys, the oldest only 11 years, of the deceased, who told in their childlike way of many incidents leading up to the awful deed.

LANDS IN RESERVE.

Att. Gen. D. C. McDougall left the last of the previous week for Washington to confer with officials of the Interior department relative to matters affecting this state, most particularly in regard to the school lands within forest reserves, the right to select and maintain which he will endeavor to have conceded to the state. The importance of a favorable ruling on this point is emphasized by the fact that approximately 250,000 acres of land claimed by the state is so situated, including selections made under public school land and other educational grants, valued at between \$5,000,000 and \$8,000,000.

SERIOUS CANAL BREAK.

A serious break in the great canal near Horseshoe Bend has resulted in a deficient electric power supply in this city, as a result of which the street car service is considerably affected. There have been called to the scene 25 teams and 65 men, who are working day and night, and it appears that fully 10 days more will elapse before the break can be fully repaired.



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BREAK IN BIG DITCH CRIPPLES POWER PLANT

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EMMETT, Jan. 8.—A very cold wave visited this city during the last week. Last Monday the mercury fell as low as 12 degrees below zero.

On account of the slush ice, a break was caused in the ditch of the Idaho-Oregon Light & Power company last Tuesday, which put the electric light and power system in this city out of commission. But the old steam plant was repaired and is now supplying the town with its lights. Men and teams are working in the ditch to repair the ditch up the river.

MRS. ELIZ. C. HARKINS DROPS DEAD IN SNOW

(Special Correspondence.)
BANCROFT, Idaho, Jan. 14.—For the first time since the organization of the ward, death has visited this community without warning called one of the pioneer women of the settlement.

Mrs. Elizabeth Clarissa Harkins, wife of Patrick Harkins, the section foreman and daughter of Thomas and Albina Henderson, died of paralysis Sunday evening at 9 o'clock. At 6 o'clock she was apparently in perfect health and started to walk out to a neighbor's about a quarter of a mile away and before reaching the destination was overcome with a stroke and sank in the snow by the roadside. The little boy with her, a 10-year-old nephew, hurried on to inform the neighbors and the unfortunate woman was lifted into a sleigh and driven home. Willing hands did all that was possible but consciousness was never regained.

The deceased was born in Bountiful, Utah, Dec. 26, 1862. She was married May 4, 1888. She was the mother of eight children, four of whom, with the husband, are living. She was always an energetic, hard working woman, generous with her assistance to those in need, a true helpmate and a devoted mother and well respected by a host of friends. She was a member of the Maccabees and for a number of years had been a member of the Maccabees and for a number of years had been a member of the Maccabees and for a number of years had been a member of the Maccabees.

Mrs. Laura L. Fisher and Miss Millie Corbett rendered the beautiful hymn "Some Time We'll Understand." Bishop George H. Fisher presided over the meeting and offered some very comforting remarks at the conclusion of the services.

The decorations and floral offerings were of choice and pretty. The house was filled to its utmost capacity from this and adjoining towns, with friends.

PRESTON NEWS IN BRIEF.

(Special Correspondence.)
PRESTON, Jan. 12.—Orson Mickelsen of Logan, Utah, and Miss Geneva Klea Hale, daughter of Solomon H. Hale, Jr., of Preston, Ida., who has been serving for some time in the Budge hospital at Logan, were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Sunday, Jan. 9, at 12 o'clock, by President George C. Parkinson. The guests were relatives and immediate friends.

Lee Brimham and Miss Florence Stevenson were married at Logan last week, where they were married in the temple.

The high council, the stake president, the stake clerk, and their families to the number of about 75, will hold forth in a social Saturday. The guests of honor will be the five retired high councilors and their families.

President Parkinson has just been elected a member of convocation of the University of Idaho, which consists of the faculty, the alumni, board of regents, and 20 members elected from the state at large. He is also a member of the board of governors.

C. D. Goasland, state insurance commissioner of Idaho, is spending a few days with his wife and family at Preston.

Mrs. Heber Q. Hale of Boise has been a visitor for several days at the home of her husband's father, Sol. H. Hale, Sr.

Miss Anna Thatcher has gone to



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Boise to visit her uncle, Heber Q. Hale. Wm. R. Hobbs is rejoicing over the arrival at his home of a big bouncing boy. Preston is a favored spot at the present time, being almost entirely free from the fevers and diseases passing through the country. The winter weather is ideal and the sleighing is perfect. Business is holding up remarkably well for this season of the year. The coal situation has been somewhat relieved by the prompt action of the mayor of the city, yet the condition is serious, as many are without fuel.

LOCAL AMUSEMENTS.

The schoolteachers of the district school are preparing a play which they will present in the near future. It is understood that there are some artists among the school teachers, and a committee of the teachers, who solicited through the ward, dancing was indulged in to the great delight of over 200 from 2:30 to 8 p. m., when the large, beautiful decorated tree was lit up and viewed with delight and the presents distributed.

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James E. Henrie is erecting a new residence on his property just west of Main street.

Don. G. A. Smith, formerly postmaster of Haden, Idaho, has located in Clawson.

H. C. Lamoreaux of Twin Falls and Arthur Jarman of Teton City were visitors during the holidays.

An unusual amount of cold weather during the latter part of December and early part of January, ranging as low as 20 below zero, was keenly observed by the people in this locality.

Grandville Ashmead of Haden, Idaho, who has been afflicted with consumption for some time, passed away at his home Jan. 5.

THIRTY BELOW AT SUGAR CITY

Severe Weather Coupled With a Coal Famine Is Story From Factory Town.

YOUNG MAN'S NARROW ESCAPE

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SUGAR CITY, Ida., Jan. 13.—This section of the country has been experiencing some quite severe weather. There has been a great deal of snow, more than there has been for many years. There is about 18 inches on the level. The weather has been extremely cold, for several nights it was near 30 degrees below. The cold snap did little damage here. The ice in the river became very thick and the sugar factory had some trouble getting sufficient water to supply the mill, but this difficulty has been overcome to some extent, and the beets are being cut again.

The town has been short of coal, but no one has suffered, as the coal merchants here have done much to relieve any suffering, as they have been able to keep enough coal to supply the trade, though at one time they ran very short. Some coal is hauled from Teton Basin by wagon and sold here, as it can be hauled here and sold almost as cheap as that which comes by the railroad.

The factory has experienced a very successful run so far, with the exception of the trouble with the ice, and they expect to run about 10 days longer. This campaign will be the longest in the history of the factory.

The feeding of cattle and sheep is going along nicely and the companies feeding are already shipping to market. The cattle and sheep are being fed on pulp, hay and straw.

The day before Christmas the Sunday school gave the children of the valley a grand Christmas tree at Philippen hall, distributing sweets, nuts and oranges to the value of \$56, donated by the students and friends to a committee of the teachers, who solicited through the ward. Dancing was indulged in to the great delight of over 200 from 2:30 to 8 p. m., when the large, beautiful decorated tree was lit up and viewed with delight and the presents distributed.

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SHEEPMEN IN LUCK IN BLAINE COUNTY

(Special Correspondence.)
CAREY, Jan. 7.—This part of Idaho is, and has been for some three weeks, in the "grip" of a very cold wave, and also is "tied up" by snow to the depth of about two and one-half feet. A veritable blizzard raged all day Jan. 1, and New Year's night added about eight inches to the already deep snow. It was fortunate for the sheep men, who had their flocks out on the desert, that they all had their flocks trailed into the settlement just before the severest weather came on.

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POCATELLO HAS A GERMAN LODGE

William Foelsen Institutes Fraternal Society in the Gate City.

SALESWOMAN'S BAD MISTAKE

Takes Carbolic Acid, Thinking Medicine, and Dies in General Hospital.

The local agent for The Deseret News at Pocatello is Hyrum Kay, residence 442 North Arthur Avenue, Phone 283 black. Subscribers to The News are cordially invited to call on him at their convenience. Matters pertaining to The News will receive prompt attention.

POCATELLO, Jan. 12.—The sons of Germany of this city organized last Sunday into a fraternal society, with the insurance and social features. William Foelsen, of St. Paul, national grand president of the order of Herman-Solme, was the instituting officer. The event commenced at Eagle's hall, at a meeting at 3 o'clock. The Gate City band of 22 pieces was in attendance and enjoyed the occasion by giving martial selections preceding the commencement exercises. Sixty Germans signed the new charter, and the following officers were elected: Fred Weideman, president; August Sargatz, past president; Henry Withoff, vice president; Gustav Volker, secretary; Henry Zwilling, treasurer; Peter Fredrick, inside guard; Charles Reuss, outside guard; Otto Holst, conductor; Paul Gartner, Theodore Goethe and Fritz Blust, trustees. A parade followed, headed by the band, going from the Eagle hall to the corner of the Banner hotel, thence north one block, then right wheel east to Harrison avenue and West Center street and back to the hall. A banquet followed, interspersed with singing and an address by Mr. Foelsen in German, on the advantages of the order. The new lodge is to be known as Schiller lodge No. 2. Former lodges are located at Boise, Idaho, and in Lander, Idaho. An effort will be made to create two more lodges in the state of Idaho, so as to allow the state to be represented in the national grand lodge, which convenes every four years, the next meeting will be held in San Francisco in 1913.

PREDICTION FALLS FLAT.
The predicted storm and cold wave, going from the Pacific to the Atlantic by way of Utah and Idaho, was Monday, failed to materialize, as far as the Gate City is concerned. On Monday, the sun came out in its most capricious mood, and the storm was thwarted Mr. Frost to a standstill. Tomorrow, the Elks, attired in a Indians, will go in a special train to Pocatello to organize a new lodge of that order. The Elks of the Gate City band of 25 pieces. No pains are spared to make this affair the event of the season.

The members of the Pocatello Second ward, who are attending a social dance at a social reunion Saturday afternoon and evening. The children were entertained in the afternoon, and the grown folks in the evening. The exercises were entirely informal, and consisted of a program, banquet and a social hop.

FATAL MISTAKE

Miss La. Rossy Clark, of Etna, Wyoming, a "drummer," representing makers of scissors and needles arrived from Pocatello, Idaho, for a party of this week, and registered at the Pocatello house. Night before last she made a fatal mistake in taking medicine by taking a large dose of carbolic acid. Dr. Castle, who attended her, said the sufferer, and it was thought that she had safely passed the danger point, but as she grew worse yesterday, she was taken to the general hospital, where she died this morning. Her father has been sent to her father, who is expected to arrive here tomorrow.

DRIGGS NEWS BRIEFS.

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DRIGGS, Jan. 6.—Green and Christensen have opened a meat market, carrying a line of meats, vegetables, etc. The Lowell Mercantile company has enlarged its building, making a big improvement in its place of business. The Teton Valley News has changed hands. Editor Blenner has sold his interests to J. R. Fairbanks and C. G. Campbell.

Wallace Fairbanks and wife have returned to make their home in Driggs after an absence of more than a year. A fine baby boy was born Christmas morning to Mrs. Frank Fairbanks.

The valley people have been unable to secure enough coal of late, owing to the large traffic of teams from the lower country.

A dance was held Sunday night under the auspices of the Driggs Y. L. and Y. M. M. L. associations. "Resolved, that Country Life is Preferable to the City Life" was the subject, the negative side winning. The speakers on the negative side were Charles Charrington, Sidney Mulcock and M. M. Norman. The affirmative speakers were W. E. Edgington, W